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THE CONGRESSIONAL CHOICE.

The Advertiser is not enthusiastic over the Republican nominee for Congress, but it holds that he ought to be elected if for no other reason than to compass the defeat of his opponents. He is the choice of evils; it may do no good to have him but it would certainly do harm to have either of the

Notley is unthinkable. In the last public office he held, that of collector of the port of Hilo, he was dismissed for malfeasance. His capacity for doing anything well is rated at a cipher; his integrity at two ciphers.

Jaukea is an unstable, vacillating man, who has belonged to all three direction if the wind changes. He has confessed to having indelible spots on his record. But his most serious fault as a Delegate in Congress would be his blind, unreasoning hatred of white men and white men's measures.

Suppose a bill were before the House to erect a naval station at Pearl Harbor. The first thing laukea would think of is the number of white voters such a station would put into the Fifth District of Oahu and the probability that the native voting element there and throughout the island would be outclassed. This would dispose Iaukea against the bill. He would fight it either openly or secretly. Notley would sit down with one finger in his mouth and figure on what there would be in It for him. As for Kuhio, he would let the subject interrupt the poker game only long enough for him to tell Friday McClellan to run over to the lobby of the capitol and see what had better be done about it.

Likewise in a land measure. Suppose bill were to come up amending the Organic Act in a way to promote the immigration of settlers? Iaukea, for race reasons, would naturally be against it. Notley would amble down to the Land Office to see if he could get a quarter section for himself. Kubio, if he ever heard of the measure at

On the whole, therefore, Kuhio would the least harm. As some one of the three nominees must be elected it had better be him.

MEMORIALS NOT CASH.

t wants anything done at Washington, of sending on a petition or memorial or perhaps a set of plans. If all such documents, dating since 1893, could be escued from their dusty pigeon-holes | task to reduce it. and piled up, they would make a bonare big enough to read fine print by half a block away. As to their prelous value it is an axiom at Washington that unless memorials or petitions are backed up by the work of an ictive, influential and non-professional obby little or nothing comes of them. The complaint of this paper, thereore, that, with the River and Harbor bill about to be framed for early presntation to Congress, nothing has been one to compel the attention of the River and Harbor Committee to the needs of Honolulu and Hilo, stands good. Plans of Honolulu harbor, etc., have been sent to the Chairman of the House Committee but where is the strong pressure coming from for an ippropriation? Surely not from the plans. Everybody who wants anything except Hawailans-will surge around the Burton committee for the next thirty days and the pressure will be "reachers" in the country will be on hand, for the River and Harbor Appropriation is the "pork barrel" out of which everybody wants a piece. The barrel will be opened early this month and closed early next. Will Burton save out a piece for us or will be think that, if we don't care enough about the prize to come for it he won't trouble his mind much about the matter?

Nothing can be done on the floor after the bill has been made up, at least nothing by a Delegate who has no vote or influence.

There is to be a business men's parade in favor of the straight ticket. Two years ago the business men generally got their employes together and urged them to vote for all the Republican nominees. This year they have refused to do anything of the kind. Why? Is it not because business men find that the straight ticket has too much crooked material? How many of this class will vote as they march?

If the Baltic fleet divides into two or three squadrons, en route to the Far cision so generally made early in the East, it may be whipped in detail. Nothing would suit Togo's fleet better inces on the Republican ticket who are than to meet a squadron instead of the clean and trustworthy. There has been whole armada. Generally speaking a no reaction, observed by this paper, in Russian Admiral may be depended on favor of a Legislature of Solid Thirto do what the enemy wants him to. | teens.

A HACKMAN OUTRAGE.

Tourists frequently complain of the exorbitant charges imposed upon them in Honolulu and that their kicks are sometin ; justifiable is shown by a case occurring in front of the Young

on Wednesday evening last. A gentleman, with a lady, alighting from a hack was overheard to ask the driver what the charge was; being told \$4.00 for one hour he expostulated vigorously but cabby coolly looking at his watch replied that it was after six o'clock and that the rates were doubled

These people taking in the sights while their steamer was in port, leave with the feeling that Honolulu is a veritable "robber's roost" and they are never backward about expressing that opinion to their friends and traveling acquaintances.

It is by such actions as the above that the hackmen ruin their own business. Should these people desire to go out again while in the city they can be depended upon to take the street parties in a year and cannot be depend- cars and their friends coming later and ed upon to move in any given political being forewarned will do the same, as no matter how much money a man may have he resents being buncoed.

> It does not follow that all hackmen pursue such methods but some of them surely do and the business as a whole gets the discredit.

> The remedy is in the hands of the hackmen themselves; they should form protective organization that would see every case of extortion promptly punished by a revocation of the driv-

PORT ARTHUR AND VLADIVOSTOK.

The forces assaulting Port Arthur are probably very strong. When Oyama stopped fighting in the north and intrenched his whole line, the indications were that he had sent part of his command back to Port Arthur to participate in the assault. At the same time, apparently as a ruse, he spread Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chillingworth, Mr. the rumor that he had been reenforced by 50,000 men. There is also the theory that both the northern and southern armies were re-enforced from Miss Williamson, Miss Alice Jones, home by troops whose places at the Misses Angus, Miss Kaufmann Dr. depots and in the forts were taken by the reserves lately mobilized. In either event the assaulting force at Port Ar- Miss Andrews, Miss Warner, Mr. and thur may easily number 100,000 men or Mrs. Spaulding, Miss May Gunn, Dr. about five Japanese to one Russian.

If Port Arthur succumbs it will comall, would cable home for more money pel the Baltic fleet to depend on Vladi- Terry, Miss Helen Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. and, in the course of squandering it, vostok as a place of concentration, re- Rennie Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, pair and supply. That being the case! the Japanese may be expected to bend every energy to capture Vladivostok ball, Miss Helen Kimball, Mrs. Will before Rojestvensky's ships can arrive. Monsarrat, Mr. E. E. Hartman, Mr. How difficult such a task would be and Mrs. F. E. Chamberlain, Mr. depends on the accuracy of the report that a complete system of defences has been created there. What such a sys- Griffiths, Prof. and Mrs. V. Thompson, Bonolulu has the thrifty habit, when tem means has been seen at Port Arthur. In armament, garrison and extent of supplies Vladivostok is a stronghold, if all reports are true, of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitney, Mr. and the first rank. It will be no holiday Mrs. E. R. Adaris, Mr. Ralph Morris,

> The Star goes back to a yellow special, somewhat older than the latest Smith, Mr. Richard Ivers Mr. and Mrs. Associated Press cables on the subject, Percy Benson, Mr. Murray, Mr. F. E. to give the semblance of verity to its statement that Gen. Kuropatkin has been superseded by General Kahlbahrs. Here is the extract: "Statements from Griggs Holt Mr. and Mrs. Will Love, St. Petersburg would seem to indicate that General Baron Kahlbahrs and General Linevitch are to succeed General Kuropatkin in supreme command of the Russian army in the Far East Kuropatkin will not be recalled but he will be UNDER THE DIRECTION of these men. If this statement proves true, it means another victory for the 'Grand Duke party.' "

> Think of the absurdity of the Czar dividing supreme command between two Generals and putting Kuropatkin, an officer of higher rank, under them, Sam Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, The yellow specialist who sent that 'news' to the marines is probably the one who, early in the war, started a Japanese army north from the southern end of Korea to battle with the Russians on the Yalu the next day and celebrate the third by "getting behind Port Arthur."

The only valid news in hand about the position Kuropatkin occupies came in the form of this cablegram:

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 25,-General Kuropatkin has been made commander-in-chief of the Russian army. Shortly before this the formation of

a second army under General Gripenberg was reported. The promotion of Kuropatkin made it necessary to get another man to command the first army and Gen. Kahlbahrs or Kaulbars was appointed. And that is all there is in it up to date,

It is the policy now to declare that a canvass has been made which proves that the straight ticket is going through with a rush. But all the canvass visible to a naked eye was had at the special inquiry meetings attended by five per cent of the responsible voters. Nothing has occurred to change the decampaign to support only those nom-

THE IMPERIAL BIRTHDAY BALL

(Continued from page 1). catastrophe and the blazing standard

was carried outside. Dancing was continued until a late hour. Refreshments were served in the breakfast room on the Waikiki side of the hotel and punch was dispensed in the hallway leading to the breakfas room. A force of chefs was at work behind a long counter and the immens throng was served quickly and without

The beautiful gowns worn by the ladies were too numerous to describe affair by the kimonos of the Jananes women. These were very beautiful and costly. The designs were most unique, some being decorated with flowers and others with landscape scenes. Saito wore a beautiful creation of light blue silk. Mrs. Carter wore a pear grey panne velvet gown with real lace bertha. She wore a necklace of pearls. The Princess Kawananakoa wore a gown of pearl grey crepe de chine heavily embroidered and having a lace bertha. Mrs. M. M. Scott wore a beautiful light blue silk.

Those present included, besides a large number of the prominent Japanese residents of this city, the follow-

Governor and Mrs. Carter, Secretary Atkinson, Judge and Mrs. Dole, Prince and Princess Kawananakoa, Rear Admiral Terry, U. S. N., and Mrs. Terry, Paymaster Brown, U. S. N., Dr. Rossiter, U. S. N., and Mrs. Rossiter, Captain Humphrey, U. S. A., and Mrs. Humphrey, Col. McClellan, U. S. A. Lieut. Hamilton, U. S. A., Judge and Mrs. Hatch, Prof. and Mrs. M. M. Scott, The German Consul and Mrs. Isenberg, French Consul Vizzavona, Portuguese Consul British Consul and Mrs. Layard, Dr. Taylor, U. S. N., and Mrs. Taylor, J. O. Carter, Capt. and Mrs. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Hartnagle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCandless, Mr. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. C. Deer ing, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall, Miss Hall, Miss Josselyn, Lieut. Slattery, U S. N., Mr. and Mrs, H. R. Macfarlane, Col. and Mrs. Samuel Parker. Miss Alice Campbell, Walter Macfarlane Glade, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Wilder, The Chinese Consul and Mrs. Chang Tsu Fan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lewis, Jr., and Mrs. High, Mrs. James Dougherty, Miss Beckley, Mr. and Mrs. Carrera, Attorney General and Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Humphris Mr. L. E. Pinkham, Miss Kopke, Mr. Ross, Mr. Tracy, Mr. W. L. Castle, Mrs. Mason Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Julia Afong, Mr. and Prosser, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Klebahn, Cunha, Willie Roth, Prof. and Mrs. Mist, Mr. Robert Mist, Dr. and Mrs. Cooper Mr. and Mrs. Bush, Mr. Perry, Miss Anna Paris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gartley, Miss Marion Roth, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hayes, Mr. Ralph Hosmer, Mrs. W. M. Graham, Mr. E. A. Mott-Thompson, Mr. W. L. Adams, Mr. I. Dillingham, Mr. Walter Dillingham, Mr. M. D. Monsarratt, Prof. and Mrs. French, Miss Jennie Gifford, Mr. B. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hare, Dr. and Mrs. Baker, J. A. M. Johnson, Miss Maggie McIn-Dodge, Mrs. Waldbridge, Miss Cordie Walker, Mr. W. C. Parke, Dr. Wile, Mr. Nelson Lansing, Miss Alexander,

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